

HARRIMAN TELLS WHY HE PLANS TO BUILD UP MERCHANT MARINE

Says Ships Necessary in Development of National Economic Life.

By EDWARD M. THIERRY (Copyright, The West Virginian)
New York May 5.—A new figure is rising in the shipping world—William Averell Harriman, son of the great railroad king, the late E. H. Harriman.

With a heritage of brains and the genius for organization that was his father's greatest asset, Harriman is taking the leadership in building an American merchant marine.

"It is a great constructive work," he said, in describing for NEA service his ambitions for American shipping. "We are doing pioneer work."

Harriman is only 30, yet in five years he has become a power in ship-building and ship operation.

"I got into the shipping business by accident," he said. "And I'm keeping at it."

That is his modest way of saying it was his keen foresight of the need for ships that impelled him to go to the shipping world on a big scale two months before America entered the war. It was this "accident" of guessing right, and foreseeing the needs of the nation, that put him into shipping.

"I am a believer in the United States merchant marine," he said. "When such a necessity as this comes a necessity for developing our export trade and building a naval auxiliary that is a national asset, I feel that ways and means will be found to make a merchant marine a success."

Eyes Like Father's

Harriman, who is tall, slender and broad shouldered, with a wide firm mouth, dark brown hair brushed straight back, and dark face and eyes like his father, sits at a desk in an office overlooking lower Broadway and talks in a grave, serious way—about ships, he dislikes talking of himself.

He didn't say the shipping men say so, that he has started out to bring into realization one of the little known dreams of the late railroad king. A dream of the late E. H., when he died in 1909, was an American merchant marine.

There are 32 ships of approximately 240,000 tons gross in the fleet operated by the United American Lines. They are owned by the American Ship and Commerce Corporation and the American Hawaiian Steamship Company and their subsidiaries. Harriman is chairman of the boards of these companies, and his interests also include shipbuilding companies, steel foundry and machine companies, and a banking house.

Buys Large Liners

Harriman is proud of his recent acquisitions, the giant Resolute and Reliance, former Dutch ships completed in 1910 and now starting a fortnightly schedule between New York and Hamburg with calls at English and French channel ports.

Originally schooled in railroad-ing from the ground up, beginning immediately after leaving Yale, Harriman has since learned the shipping business from the bottom. He is married and has two daughters. At his home in Arden, N. Y., he farms on a large scale.

Harriman is upholding his father's reputation for hard work. "I like work," he says. "I cannot see how anyone could prefer to be idle. I am doing the thing which I believe is the best and the most important thing I can do for the interests of America. An American merchant marine means much to the nation."

BEST LONG DRIVER

WILL BE DECIDED

NEW YORK, May 5.—An invitation to American amateur and professional golfers to compete in the contest for the long driving championship of the world, England on June 21 has been received in this country.

The competition, which will be held in conjunction with the British open on the course of the Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich, is open to golfers of all classes and sexes.

Under the conditions set down for the competition, each player will have six drives from the tee. These drives will be divided into two classes, known as "A" and "B". In class "A" competition each player will have three drives with any ball or balls purchasable in the market and conforming to the regulations governing the open championship ship. In the class "B" drive the entrant may use any ball he chooses without regard to size, weight or material.

Competitors' score will be calculated by adding their longest drive in class "A" to their longest drive in class "B".

CONCERTS FOR DISABLED

SOLDIERS PROVE SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Radio concerts, being broadcast station this week from naval air station "NOF" at Anna Costa for the benefit of the wounded and disabled soldiers confined to hospitals through out the country are declared by the War Department to be the most successful yet undertaken and scores of letters and messages of praise are being received daily. Although intended primarily for the entertainment of the soldiers, many thousands of radio fans have listened in.

The concerts, given by artists of note, are sent on a wave length of 412 meters, and begin nightly at 8:00 o'clock eastern standard time.

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KIWANIS PARTY TO DRIVE TO TORONTO

Eight Members From This City to Join West Virginia Group at Wheeling.

Eight local persons will attend the international Kiwanis convention to be held June 19 to 22 in Toronto, Canada, according to plans announced today by Jack Abbott of the convention committee, Fairmont Kiwanis Club.

While the other seven members plan to go in automobiles, Mr. Abbott will be unable to do so, but will have to go by rail, since at the time the auto party starts he is forced to be in another part of the state on important business.

So far all arrangements made have been merely tentative, but the following members of the local group have announced their intention of going to Toronto unless something prevents: Dr. L. D. Howard, Robert G. Smith, A. C. Kinkead, E. L. Kinkead, Charles Mumford, J. Minor Dunham, Howard Hardesty and Mr. Abbott.

One interesting feature of the trip is that Dr. L. D. Howard, president of the Fairmont club, and Dr. A. C. Howard, president of the Uniontown club, brothers, will meet at Uniontown, Pa., and go to the convention together. Unless something goes radically wrong with the "Kiwanis" jokesmiths, the doctors are well on the way toward earning the title of the "Kiwanis Convention Siamese Twins."

West Virginia Kiwanians who plan to drive to the convention will motor to Wheeling where men from all over the state will form in a big parade which will claim Wheeling-Toronto as its route, making it the world's longest auto parade probably.

Columbus and Buffalo will be on the visiting list of the autoists, as well as a number of other towns and points of interest. Autoists from other states north will probably join in the party as it moves toward Canada. The date of departure from Fairmont for local men or from Wheeling of the state group has not yet been announced.

In Buffalo the West Virginians will be entertained by the Buffalo Kiwanis Club. A luncheon will probably be given for the visitors. After luncheon, the Buffalo and West Virginia men will take in Niagara Falls. Then they will drive across the international bridge and on toward Toronto.

Want Special Pullman.

A movement is on foot to have a special West Virginia Pullman make the trip and for those who are not going by machine. Reservations are being made for the state car, but it is not yet known if the plan will be successful as under this scheme all Kiwanians would have to return home at the same time. Several are planning to travel over a part of Canada after attending the convention.

Unless called back by urgent cases, Dr. Howard and his brother intend to drive over southern Canada and the northeastern part of the United States. Other local men have not yet made known their return trip plans. It is probable that a large number of them will join the "coming home" caravan, via Toronto, Buffalo, Wheeling, et cetera.

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"Don'ts for Radio Fans

By R. L. DUNCAN

Director, Radio Institute of America

1. Don't try to experiment with your receiver during a lightning storm.
2. Don't fail to throw your lightning switch to the outside ground when not receiving.
3. Don't fool around outside wires that you know nothing about.
4. Don't think that any wire is dead—these are the kind that carry the deadliest current.
5. Don't let your antenna wire touch any other wire.
6. Don't let your antenna cross under or over any electric light or power wire carrying a current of more than 600 volts.
7. Don't ever experiment with an electrical carrier unless you are absolutely certain of what you are doing.
8. Don't get too curious—leave well enough alone.
9. Don't forget that no loss of life or property would ever be sustained if the ordinary precautions were taken.
10. Don't think that there is any danger in installing or operating either a receiving or transmitting set. There isn't if you remember these "Don'ts" and do not violate them.

'GYPSY ROVER' TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Romanti Musical Comedy to Be Attraction at East Side High.

"The Gypsy Rover," a romantic musical comedy in three acts by Miss May Hewes Dodge and John Wilson Dodge, will be presented at 8:15 o'clock this evening in the East Side High School auditorium, by the music department of the school under the direction of Miss Lucille Henry, supervisor of music and Mrs. Lella G. McKay, dramatic instructor.

The cast is as follows:
May Margaret Hanaway
Sara Lucille Peoples
Marto Samuel Summers
Sinto Frank Boyers
Rob Harry Wilson
Lady Constance Mary Lafollette
Lord Craven Genesee Smith
Cina Irene Smith
Sir Toby Lyon Harry Radcliffe
Sir George Martendale Charles VanGilder
Sir George Martendale Mark Traugh

The plot of the play is laid around the character Rob, later known as Sir Gilbert Howe of English nobility, who is kidnapped when an infant by his nurse, Meg, who later becomes the wife of Marto, a gypsy. Rob grows to manhood amongst the gypsies believing Meg and Marto to be his parents.

One day while riding in the woods, Lord Craven and his fiancée, Lady Constance Martendale, become lost in the woods and wander to the gypsy camp where Lady Constance and Rob meet and fall in love. Craven objects to Rob, but in a comedy scene with Marto and Sinto the situations are cleverly worked out.

In the second act Rob sarnades Lady Constance and they plan to elope but are overheard by Lord Craven who informs Sir George and plans to capture Rob. This is successfully accomplished and

Rob is thrown into prison, only to later escape.

Two years elapse and Rob comes into his own estate, his identity having been proven by Meg. He becomes a famous composer, a friend of the prince and a social lion. Lady Constance remains true to him and they are married on his return to England.

As Rob says, "The good faires have led me to the beautiful country after all, and our story, Constance, can end in the proper way." They lived happily ever after.

Many temples in China are provided with a bell at the entrance, and when a worshiper enters he gives the rope a pull to ring the bell in order that the gods may be notified of his coming and be at

FAIRMONTERS ARE IN FEDERAL COURT

This City Ranks Second in the Number of Violations of Federal Statutes.

Statistics compiled by federal court attaches at Wheeling brings out the startling fact that Fairmont ranks second in the district in the number of crimes committed against federal statutes. Wheeling had more violations than any other community in the district, Fairmont was second and Sistersville third.

When the court docket was called yesterday, court officials were surprised at the large number of persons arrested and indicted for committing violations of the federal statutes who were going to stand trial. Judge Baker called seventy-two liquor cases yesterday, and five entered pleas of guilty. Three of the five entering pleas of guilty and who will be sentenced later in the week were Leo Hart, G. W. Knapp and R. C. Melcher all of this section. They were arrested when they alighted from a Monongahela Railway Co. train at the local station by Howard Adams, a United States deputy marshal.

Among the sixteen-seven entering pleas of not guilty to the indictments charging violations of the

Federal Prohibition Law were the following Fairmonters: Dominick Moliterno, John Gatton, and Jack Goldman. Attorney F. A. O'Brien of Wheeling represented the trio. B. J. Mason of this city, represented by Attorney J. B. Wilson, was granted permission to file a petition in his case. Fairmonters will also be well represented when the felony docket is called as a number of felony indictments were found against persons residing in this city.

New Finger Print System Discovered by Prisoner

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., May 5.—A finger print system for use in banks, insurance establishments and all places where personal identification is necessary has been discovered by a life term in state's prison here and is being studied by experts throughout the country. The system calls for but a single print and greatly simplifies the present finger print processes employed by police departments, it is said.

The prisoner's plan has been approved by Chief of Police August Volmer of Berkeley, an outstanding finger print expert. Patents have been applied for in Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The prisoner worked for fifteen months on the new system before perfecting it.

TENDER TO MEET DUNDEE.
NEW YORK, May 5.—Lewis Tender of Philadelphia and Johnny Dundee of this city, light-weight boxers, meet here tonight in what is scheduled as a fifteen round bout.

WILL CONSIDER RACIAL PROBLEM

City Leaders of Methodist Episcopal Church to Study Task of Church.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 5.—The first conference of city leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church to study the task of the city church from the racial and inter-racial point of view will be held here May 10-14. It was called by the bureau of negro work of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Dr. W. A. C. Hughes of Philadelphia is director and Dr. M. P. Burns of Philadelphia is superintendent. While in Atlanta the delegates, chiefly pastors of negro city Methodist Episcopal churches, will be the guests of the Atlanta City Mission and Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The cities that will be represented include: New York; Chicago; Baltimore; Philadelphia; Washington; Cincinnati; Columbus; and Cleveland, O.; Indianapolis, Ind.; St. Louis, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Greensboro, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; Meridian, Miss.; Baton Rouge, La.; New Orleans,

Miss.; Houston, Galveston and Fort Worth, Texas; Atlanta, Ga.; Detroit, Mich.; Pittsburgh and Jackson, Miss.

"Making the Social Life of the Church a Fundamental Responsibility" will be the theme of an address by Rev. W. H. Stevens of Jacksonville, Fla., superintendent of the Jacksonville district. Other speakers will include Dr. N. C. Coggins of Washington, D. C., superintendent of colored work, board of prohibition and public morals; Dr. I. Garland Penn of Cincinnati, O., corresponding secretary of the board of education for negroes; bishop R. E. Jones of New Orleans, La.; resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New Orleans Area; Dr. M. J. Naylor of Pittsburgh, Pa., district superintendent of the Pittsburgh District of the Washington Conference; Dr. Pazavia O'Connell, professor of sociology at Morgan College, Baltimore, Md., and Dr. Frank Orman Beck, professor of city methods surveys and field work at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

PROFESSIONAL AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS NAMED

CHICAGO, May 5.—John Mac Elvaton, professional at the Ridge-moore Country Club, Chicago, has been selected to care for the links at the White Sulphur Springs Golf Club during the woman's national championship in September. He will arrange for the proper upkeep of the greens and fairways so that the defending champion, Miss Marion Hollins, New York, and those who seek to dethrone her may have the best turf conditions for the contest.

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